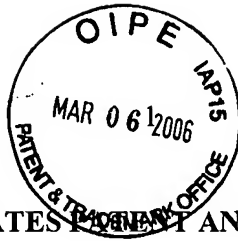


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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the November 3, 2005 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1-51. Two terminal disclaimers and the fees therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 120(d) are enclosed herewith. A petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also be used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to clarify the point of novelty of the current invention. Specific support for claims 1 and 17 can be found in the specification on page 2, lines 20-21, and page 3, lines 15-19. Claims 5-10 have been amended to correct antecedent basis errors. Additionally, claims 10, 39, and 48 have been amended to clarify the ambiguity resulting from typographical errors as questioned by the Examiner. New claims 52 and 53 are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, as they include the amino acid to metal molar ranges set forth in claims 1 and 17 as originally filed. As the amendments to claims 1 and 17 are supported in the specification and the remaining amendments are entered to clarify antecedent basis issues and to fix typographical errors, no new matter has been added.